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1.	U. S. Pat. Appln. Pub No. 2002/0162655 A1	Lynde et al.	07 November 2002	
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1.	GB 2,335,687	Mark Carmichael et al.	29 September 1999
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